

Stratford takes great pride in its heritage—from its first settlers to the brave immigrants who followed in later years. It is one of the few communities in the entire nation to own its own forest, the Roosevelt Forest, and it proudly keeps watch over the magnificent “Great Meadows”—the last great salt marsh left in New England. It is also home to the soon to be renovated, Shakespeare Theater which was once home to the American Shakespeare Theater Company. Stratford became the birthplace of the American helicopter industry, when in 1939, Russian immigrant Igor Sikorsky, successfully flew the first helicopter at his Stratford-based aircraft plant. More than a half-century later, Sikorsky Aircraft is the world's leading helicopter manufacturer, designing and producing state-of-the art helicopters for both military and commercial applications at its sprawling manufacturing facility on town's north side.

It has been an honor for me to serve as Stratford's U.S. Representative these last twenty-four years and I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every member of this special community as they celebrate their 375th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, due to the delay in my flight arriving to Washington, DC yesterday, I was unable to make roll call vote 520.

On roll call vote 520, passage of H.R. 5162—to amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes, I would have voted “yes.”

IN TRIBUTE TO MAURICE “MO” COLLIN ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of an extraordinary Marine Corps veteran from my Congressional District, Mr. Maurice “Mo” Collin, who this week is being recognized for his lifelong efforts to ensure our nation's promises to our veterans. Mo's service and advocacy for his brothers and sisters in arms has never wavered and has continued decades past his time in the Marine Corps. After returning home from the Vietnam War, Mo has devoted his life to ensuring that veterans get the services and support that they need.

Mo's career of distinction began with serving in the Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and then transitioning to duty as a Veteran Service Officer, devoting his work to advocating for veterans after they return from combat. His positivity and commitment were unshakable, and he rose to the position of Supervisor of

the Office of Advocacy and Assistance with the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs and later to serve as the Acting Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs. Mo's experience, personality and commitment to the well-being of the veterans in his community made him uniquely qualified for these demanding jobs.

As evidence of his selflessness, Mo has said that service to other veterans has helped him handle the mental and emotional stresses that military service can impose on the men and women who serve. Mo now encourages all veterans to take advantage of services available to them after admitting his initial reluctance to seek out help for the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from which he suffered. Mo continues to volunteer at the Newington, Connecticut VA Medical Center, as a driver for the Disabled American Veterans and as a Veterans Liaison for the West Haven VA Medical Center.

His induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame is the latest in a string of stirring achievements, motivated by the selfless desire to ensure that those who have served our country are well taken care of when they return home. On behalf of my colleagues in House, I thank Mo Collin for his service to his state and his nation and to congratulate him on his induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CSHQA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize CSHQA as its employees, clients, and supporters celebrate their 125th anniversary as a leading architecture and engineering firm; and their 25th anniversary in the Sacramento region. I ask my colleagues to join me in tribute to CSHQA and the service the company has and will continue to provide, to its clients in the Sacramento region and across the globe.

Beginning in 1889, CSHQA, then known as William S. Campbell Architects, was founded in Boise, Idaho. After World War II, Glen Cline and Neil Smull joined William S. Campbell Architects. They designed many renowned projects for Fortune 500 firms and a number of major universities. In the 1970's they were pleased to welcome Robert Hamill and Allen Quintieri to their team, becoming Cline Smull Hamill Quintieri Associates, they shortened their name to CSHQA.

In 1990, Sacramento was proud to welcome CSHQA. CSHQA has provided design services for a wide variety of retail, grocery, pharmacy, aviation, corrections, healthcare, assisted living, hospitality, and entertainment clients. Buildings designed by CSHQA cannot only be seen in California, but can be found across the country. CSHQA has also done work internationally in Alberta and British Columbia, Canada. CSHQA's attention to detail can be seen through the numerous awards they have received. Recently, CSHQA has excelled in green building practices, renewable energy projects and designing energy efficient and sustainable buildings. Their buildings have

been awarded LEED Silver, Gold, and Platinum certifications for retail, educational, civic, healthcare, and multi-family projects. CSHQA has also been presented Green Globe certification.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay tribute to the CSHQA and their 125th anniversary as a leading architecture firm and their 25th anniversary in the Sacramento region. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the celebration of both anniversaries, as they continue to serve clients across the globe.

CELEBRATING THE CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170 GOLD-EN MEMBER BANQUET

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170, of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet, which will take place on Sunday, November 16, 2014.

The Croatian Fraternal Union will hold its gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include the following individuals: Aileen Joan Balazs, Patricia Gail Dinsmore, Margaret F. Edgington, Frances Louise Garris, Ronald Glibota, Josephine Govorchin, Marion L. Govorchin, Eugene A. Graban, Kathleen Ann Guerre, Barbara Ann Hoolehan, Joanne K. Johnson, Mary Louise Kocevar, Ronald M. Lawrosky, Helen Elaine Loncaric, Barbara Ellen Luketic, Joseph Anthony Martin, Laura Mathews, Carol Susan Ney, Judith Popiela, Barbara Ann Prahovich, William Michael Putz, Timothy W. Raykovich, Shirley Kaye Rehtorik, Ronald Mirko Reiring, Veronica L. Rouse, Ted Robert Sikora, Nicholas J. Stiglich, Violet Svetich, Sandra M. Zivic, Pete Znika, and John Michael Zunac.

This memorable day will begin with a mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating, followed by the Golden Member banquet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all members of the Croatian Fraternal Union, Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 520 I was attending a funeral and was unable

to be in Washington, DC for votes on 11/17/2014.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING DIANE HOWARD

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diane Howard who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Annual Zonta Women of Achievement for her respectable achievements and tremendous influence in the community. Her notable impact is evident in her recognition as the "Woman of Achievement" in 2000 by the Cape Girardeau Area Zonta Club.

Since 1984, Ms. Howard has been an attorney with the Limbaugh Firm in Cape Girardeau. Additionally, she was a member of the Board of Governments of the Missouri Bar and played an active role in many bar organizations as well as civic and non-profit organizations.

Before beginning her private practice, she was a criminal prosecutor on active duty with the U.S. Navy (JAG Corps). She continued her service in the Naval Reserves for 21 years serving throughout the United States where she spent two weeks trying a case at the Guantanamo Bay Cuba Naval Service. She pursued to serve as Commanding Officer of three Units including the Office of the Judge Advocate General in Washington, D.C. In 2005, she retired from the Navy Reserves after 25 total years of faithful military service with the rank of Captain.

Diane Howard's dedication to all her work has been undeniably laudable and has been a great contribution to our community. It is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and accomplishments before the House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION 5K WALK

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, twenty years ago a dedicated group of volunteers began an annual tradition that has made the first Sunday in October a special day in the Borough of Madison, Morris County, New Jersey. They organized a 5K Walk to raise money for the T.J. Martell Foundation—a non-profit group that raises funds to advance the fight against leukemia, cancer and AIDS.

The T.J. Martell Foundation was established as a result of a promise made by a father to his son. A son who was battling leukemia. A son who asked his father to raise \$1 million to support cancer research so that "no one else will have to experience what I am going through." And a father, Tony Martell, a longtime resident of Madison, who kept that promise and far surpassed it.

Over the years, the T.J. Martell Foundation has provided more than \$260 million to sup-

port cutting-edge research to advance the war against leukemia, cancer, and AIDS. The people of Madison, have been there for their friend and neighbor every year. The passage of time has not diminished their commitment to honor T.J. Martell by helping his father fulfill his promise.

This event has grown from its modest beginnings to become an all-day affair, kicking off with a 5K walk and extending through the day with music, activities, and food. Today it is both an effective fundraiser and a fun-filled day enjoyed by hundreds of families every year. It is a celebration of life and of the promise of victory over these dreaded diseases.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to all those who support the work of the T.J. Martell Foundation across our nation, but especially in Madison, New Jersey. This annual event is a testament both to the life of T.J. Martell and to the deep sense of community that makes Madison a wonderful place in which to live.

COMMENDING MR. DONG SUK KIM AND THE KOREAN AMERICAN CIVIC EMPOWERMENT FOR COMMUNITY

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Dong Suk Kim and the Korean American Civic Empowerment for Community (KACE) based in New York and New Jersey for their dedication in promoting civil rights and in organizing the Korean-American community.

Mr. Kim was born in South Korea and immigrated to the U.S. in 1985. He resides in Tenafly, New Jersey, with his wife, Hyunjo Hwang, and their son, Sol.

Mr. Dong Suk Kim is a Founder and Executive Committee Chair of KACE. Mr. Kim was President of the Korean American Voters' Council (KAVC) from 1996 through 2010. Mr. Kim has devoted his life to empowering the Korean-American community after the Los Angeles riots in 1992, which were a result of the Rodney King case and which seriously impacted the Korean-American community in the United States.

As the President of KACE, Mr. Kim led the organization to significant achievements. KACE increased Korean-American voter turnout in the Greater New York area from less than 5% in 1996 to over 58% in 2012, assisted more than 27,000 Korean-Americans to register to vote, and organized a community-based campaign for the 2000 and 2010 Census. To advance Korean-Americans' voting rights, KACE publishes voter guides in Korean, operates a voter hotline every year, and mails more than 500 voter registration and vote-by-mail forms to Korean-American voters every year.

I would also like to commend Mr. Kim and KACE for their active roles in organizing a nationwide campaign in support of the "Comfort Women Resolution" (H. Res. 121 in the 110th Congress) in 2007 which addresses matters related to the sexual slavery imposed by Japanese armed forces during World War II. Mr. Kim traveled to all major Korean towns in the

U.S., including Los Angeles, Houston, Dallas, San Francisco, and Chicago to organize the campaign. As a result of this grassroots campaign, the Comfort Women Resolution was adopted unanimously by the House of Representatives on July 30, 2007.

In 2011, Mr. Kim led a grassroots campaign in support of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA) to advance bilateral commercial cooperation as well as the interests of the Korean-American community. The agreement was signed by both governments in 2007 but was not ratified by Congress until October 2011. The Korean-American community expressed its strong support for the agreement and it was passed by both governments in 2011.

Every year, Mr. Kim and KACE organize many programs to educate, organize and mobilize the Korean-American community and to promote its civic participation. It is fitting and proper to honor both Mr. Kim's and KACE's outstanding contributions and commitment to the Korean-American community and to the United States of America, and I am pleased to offer this statement for historical purposes.

HONORING SCORE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join New Haven SCORE, our local business community, as well as the hundreds of chapters across the country in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of SCORE. Previously known as the Service Corps of Retired Executives, SCORE is a 501 (c)3 organization with more than 350 chapters across the country through which some 13,000 experienced entrepreneurs offer their advice and counsel to other small business owners.

Over the course of the last half century, SCORE volunteers have provided mentoring and training support to more than 10 million entrepreneurs and small business owners. Small business has always been the backbone of our nation's economy. It is these innovative, creative individuals who create jobs, help to grow our local economies, and more often than not, become a part of the very fabric of our communities. Since its inception SCORE has been an invaluable resource—allowing small business owners to receive advice, counsel, and education from others who have walked the same path and faced the same challenges and triumphs.

Housed at Gateway Community College and led by Professor Rose Bednarz-Luglio, New Haven SCORE has had a remarkable impact on our local business community. Mentors are actively engaged in our community and our small business owners know that a wide range of resources are available to them. Offering sessions on topics from developing a business plan, securing financing, day-to-day business management, and charting business growth to workshops on low cost business planning, marketing and sales, and other business support, SCORE has provided an environment in which our small business owners can thrive.

SCORE has been a remarkable success and continues to leave an indelible mark on